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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 12th, 13th, 15th, 17th to 23rd, 25th to 27th, 37th, 39th and 46th meetings, on 22, 23, 28, 30 and 31 October, 3 to 6, 10 and 11 November and 8, 10 and 22 December 1997. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/52/SR.12, 13, 15, 17-23, 25-27, 37, 39 and 46).

3. Section II of the present report reflects the decisions taken by the Committee on individual expenditure and income sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, as well as on revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General and on the programme budget implications of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly either on the recommendations of its Main Committees or in respect of items dealt with in plenary meeting.

4. Section III of the present report provides a summary of the special subjects considered by the Fifth Committee, other than the programme budget implications of draft resolutions recommended by other Main Committees, which led to the adoption of specific decisions to be recommended to the General Assembly.

5. The recommendations of the Fifth Committee are contained in section IV of the present report.

6. Under agenda item 116, the Fifth Committee considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. The Committee recommends a gross appropriation of $2,532,331,200 and an estimate for income (other than income derived from staff assessment) of $363,840,300. The net expenditure for the biennium 1998-1999 is thus estimated at $2,168,490,900.[1]

7. With regard to the Working Capital Fund, the Committee recommends that the Fund should be at the level of $100 million.

8. The Committee also recommends an estimate of $325,486,700 as staff assessment for transfer in the course of the biennium 1998-1999 to the Tax Equalization Fund, from which credits are distributed to Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955.

9. For its examination of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, the Committee had before it, as basic documents, the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 submitted by the Secretary-General,[2] the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations reform: measures and proposals,[3] the first and second reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999[4] and the reports of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-seventh session.[5] Revised estimates and programme budget implications affecting various appropriation sections were subsequently considered on the basis of reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

10. In accordance with the guidelines for the contingency fund as annexed to General Assembly resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987, the Committee, at its 44th meeting, on 18 December 1997, considered a consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates that were subject to the criteria for the use of the contingency fund (A/C.5/52/35) and the corresponding report of the Advisory Committee, which was presented orally. The amount fell within the available balance of the contingency fund. The Committee, therefore, proceeded to approve the required amount under the relevant section of the programme budget.

11. The general debate on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 was held at the 12th, 13th, 15th, 17th to 23rd and 25th to 27th

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[1] The financing of the requirements for 1998 is dealt with in draft resolution II C (see para. 33).

[2] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/52/6/Rev.1), vols. I and II.

[3] A/52/303 and Add.1.

[4] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 and addendum (A/52/7 and Add.1).

[5] Ibid., Supplement No. 16 (A/52/16).

meetings, on 22, 23, 28, 30 and 31 October and 3 to 6, 10 and 11 November 1997. The debate is reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/52/SR.12, 13, 15, 17-23 and 25-27).

12. Introductory statements were made by the Secretary-General, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, on behalf of the Chairman, at the 12th meeting, on 22 October 1997 (see A/C.5/52/SR.12).

II. CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ESTIMATES

13. Individual sections of the proposed programme budget were considered by the Committee during the meetings indicated below:

Expenditure section	Meetings
Introduction	18th
1A	18th and 19th
1B	18th and 19th
2A	19th and 20th
2B	19th and 20th
3	19th and 20th
4	19th and 20th
5	20th
6	20th
7A	21st and 23rd
8	21st and 23rd
9	21st and 23rd
11A	21st and 23rd
11B	21st and 23rd
12	21st and 23rd
13	21st and 23rd
14	21st and 23rd
15	21st and 23rd
16	21st, 22nd and 23rd
17	21st, 22nd and 23rd
18	21st, 22nd and 23rd
19	21st, 22nd and 23rd
20	21st, 22nd and 23rd
21	21st, 22nd and 23rd
22	25th
23	25th
24	25th
25	25th
26	25th and 27th
27	25th, 26th and 27th
28	26th and 27th
29	26th and 27th
30	26th and 27th
31	27th
32	27th
34	39th
Income section	
1	27th
2	27th
3	27th

14. The general debate on the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations reform: measures and proposals was held at the 37th and 39th meetings, on 8 and 10 December. The debate is reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/52/SR.37 and 39).

15. At the 37th meeting, on 8 December 1997, introductory statements were made by the Controller, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, on behalf of the Chairman (see A/C.5/52/SR.37).

16. The summary table below reflects actions taken by the Committee under each section in the course of the initial review of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 and the first and second reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. Further action was taken on the basis of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee regarding revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General and on the appropriations required for the implementation of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its current session.

	Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
Expenditure section		
1A. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination		
I. Secretary-General's proposal:		
(a) Proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	38 622 800	
(b) United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303 and Add.1)	3 081 500	
II. Advisory Committee recommendations (A/52/7 and Add.1)	514 800	
III. Fifth Committee adjustments:		
(a) Transfer of post for the United Nations office in Addis Ababa	382 200	
(b) Endorsement of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 5 (b) of its report (A/52/7/Add.1)	(196 300)	
(c) Adjustment of the level of the post of the Head of the Strategic Planning Unit	(17 400)	

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
	(d) Deletion of provisions for the joint meeting of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination	(6 600)	
	(e) Reduction of one General Service post in the Strategic Planning Unit	(112 800)	
	IV. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(813 700)	
	Total, section 1A		41 454 500
1B.	General Assembly affairs and conference services		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal, United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303 and Add.1)	457 732 800	
	II. Advisory Committee recommendations (A/52/7 and Add.1)	11 066 300	
	III. Fifth Committee adjustments: Restoration of net budgeting: conferences	(11 066 300)	
	IV. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(20 903 600)	
	Total, section 1B		436 829 200
2A.	Political affairs		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal:		
	(a) Proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	60 965 400	
	(b) United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303 and Add.1)	(18 676 000)	
	II. Advisory Committee recommendations (A/52/7 and Add.1)	198 600	
	III. Fifth Committee adjustments:		
	(a) Transfer of post for the United Nations office in Addis Ababa	(382 200)	
	(b) Establishment of 1 P-5 and 1 P-4 post and deletion of 1 P-3 post for Decolonization	316 200	
	IV. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(360 500)	
	Total, section 2A		42 061 500

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
2B.	Disarmament		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal:		
	(a) Proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)		
	(b) United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303 and Add.1)	12 254 200	
	II. Fifth Committee adjustments:		
	(a) Retention of 3 P-5 posts for regional centres for peace and disarmament	785 700	
	(b) Retention of a P-5 post	274 600	
	(c) Establishment of a P-5 post	274 600	
	III. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(278 500)	
	Total, section 2B		13 310 600
3.	Peacekeeping operations and special missions		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	99 478 900	
	II. Advisory Committee recommendations (A/52/7 and Add.1)	(306 800)	
	III. Financial implications:		
	(a) The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (A/C.5/52/31, A/C.5/52/SR.43, A/52/736)	173 800	
	(b) The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti - International Civilian Mission to Haiti (MICIVIH) (A/C.5/52/30, A/C.5/52/SR.43, A/52/737)	7 677 200	
	(c) The situation in Central America - United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA) (A/C.5/52/21 and Add.1, A/C.5/52/SR.41)	28 200 000	
	(d) The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/52/33 and Corr.1, A/C.5/52/SR.44)	4 007 700	

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
IV.	Revised estimates: Matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/52/24, A/52/7/Add.6, A/C.5/52/SR.44)	9 315 100	
V.	Fifth Committee adjustments: Deletion of funds for a study on lessons learned on disarmament	(39 200)	
VI.	Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(1 746 100)	
	Total, section 3		146 760 600
4.	Peaceful uses of outer space		
I.	Secretary-General's proposal (A/52/6/Rev.1)	4 428 900	
II.	Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(461 600)	
	Total, section 4		3 967 300
5.	International Court of Justice		
I.	Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	22 077 000	
II.	Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(1 597 700)	
	Total, section 5		20 479 300
6.	Legal affairs		
I.	Secretary-General's proposal:		
	(a) Proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	33 478 800	
	(b) United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303 and Add.1)	49 500	
II.	Advisory Committee recommendations (A/52/7 and Add.1)	(49 500)	
III.	Financial implications: International Law Commission (A/C.5/52/23 and Corr.1, A/C.5/52/SR.41, A/C.5/52/35)	245 200	
IV.	Fifth Committee adjustments: Level of the Deputy to the Legal Counsel to be at that of Assistant Secretary-General	49 500	
V.	Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(738 100)	
	Total, section 6		33 035 400

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
7A.	Economic and social affairs		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal:		
	(a) Proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	124 873 800	
	(b) United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303 and Add.1)	(14 446 100)	
	II. Financial implications: Abolition of the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development	(362 300)	
	III. Fifth Committee adjustments:		
	(a) Establishment of a D-1 post for the Special Adviser for Gender Issues	295 100	
	(b) Reclassification of a D-1 post to the D-2 level for the Division for the Advancement of Women	17 400	
	IV. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(1 115 600)	
	Total, section 7A		109 262 300
8.	Africa: New Agenda for Development		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	5 443 000	
	II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(57 800)	
	Total, section 8		5 385 200
11A.	Trade and development		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	105 657 900	
	II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(9 361 000)	
	Total, section 11A		96 296 900
11B.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	21 973 400	
	II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(2 160 700)	
	Total, section 11B		19 812 700
12.	Environment		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	9 304 400	

	Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(497 000)	
Total, section 12		8 807 400
13. Human settlements		
I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	13 206 600	
II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(416 300)	
Total, section 13		12 790 300
14. Crime control		
I. Secretary-General's proposal:		
(a) Proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	5 507 000	
(b) United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303 and Add.1)	522 200	
II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(615 600)	
Total, section 14		5 413 600
15. International drug control		
I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	16 372 000	
II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(1 546 500)	
Total, section 15		14 825 500
16. Economic and social development in Africa		
I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	90 771 600	
II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(2 845 200)	
Total, section 16		87 926 400
17. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific		
I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	73 408 100	
II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(17 240 600)	
Total, section 17		56 167 500
18. Economic development in Europe		
I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	49 310 800	

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
	II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(4 435 400)	
	Total, section 18		44 875 400
19.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	90 245 500	
	II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(2 338 600)	
	Total, section 19		87 906 900
20.	Economic and social development in Western Asia		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	49 704 800	
	II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	220 200	
	Total, section 20		49 925 000
21.	Regular programme of technical cooperation		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	45 921 800	
	II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(2 354 100)	
	Total, section 21		43 567 700
22.	Human rights		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal:		
	(a) Proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	46 448 500	
	(b) United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303 and Add.1)	(309 800)	
	II. Advisory Committee recommendations (A/52/7 and Add.1)	(17 000)	
	III. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(3 920 200)	
	Total, section 22		42 201 500
23.	Protection of and assistance to refugees		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	50 568 700	
	II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(4 562 800)	
	Total, section 23		46 005 900

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
24.	Palestine refugees		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	19 375 000	
	II. Fifth Committee adjustments: retention of 8 posts	1 567 700	
	III. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	279 100	
	Total, section 24		21 221 800
25.	Humanitarian assistance		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal:		
	(a) Proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	22 254 200	
	(b) United Nations reform. measures and proposals (A/52/303 and Add.1)	(3 853 100)	
	II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(467 400)	
	Total, section 25		17 933 700
26.	Communications and public information		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal:		
	(a) Proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	140 327 600	
	(b) United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303 and Add.1)	(1 318 600)	
	II. Fifth Committee adjustments:		
	(a) Establishment of the position of a radio producer	0	
	(b) Retention of posts in the information centres	1 200 600	
	III. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(2 169 200)	
	Total, section 26		138 040 400
27.	Administrative services		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal:		
	(a) Proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	904 192 900	
	(b) United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303 and Add.1)	(444 923 000)	
	II. Advisory Committee recommendations (A/52/7 and Add.1)	11 498 800	

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
III.	Fifth Committee adjustments:		
	(a) Establishment of 2 P-4 and 2 P-3 posts in the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	877 600	
	(b) Restoration of net budgeting: security	(8 911 300)	
	(c) Funding of one General Service post in the Secretariat of the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination under the regular budget	112 200	
IV.	Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(16 656 500)	
	Total, section 27		446 190 700
28.	Internal oversight		
I.	Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	18 637 300	
II.	Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(277 700)	
	Total, section 28		18 359 600
29.	Jointly financed administrative activities		
I.	Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	6 228 800	
II.	Advisory Committee recommendations (A/52/7 and Add.1)	15 345 700	
III.	Fifth Committee adjustments:		
	(a) Restoration of net budgeting: International Civil Service Commission	(8 243 200)	
	(b) Restoration of net budgeting: Joint Inspection Unit	(7 102 500)	
IV.	Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(601 400)	
	Total, section 29		5 627 400
30.	Special expenses		
I.	Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	53 720 800	
II.	Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(883 800)	
	Total, section 30		52 837 000

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
31.	Capital expenditures		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	35 893 400	
	II. Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(1 343 100)	
	Total, section 31		34 550 300
32.	Staff assessment		
	I. Secretary-General's proposal:		
	(a) Proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	324 600 100	
	(b) United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303 and Add.1)	(2 786 600)	
	II. Advisory Committee recommendations (A/52/7 and Add.1)	11 089 500	
	III. Financial implications:		
	(a) The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (A/C.5/52/31, A/C.5/52/SR.43, A/52/736)	32 300	
	(b) The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti - International Civilian Mission to Haiti (MICIVIH) (A/C.5/52/30, A/C.5/52/SR.43, A/52/737)	596 100	
	(c) The situation in Central America - United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA) (A/C.5/52/21 and Add.1, A/C.5/52/SR.41)	1 752 800	
	(d) The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/52/33 and Corr.1, A/C.5/52/SR.44)	327 300	
	IV. Revised estimates: Matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/52/24, A/52/7/Add.6, A/C.5/52/SR.44)	926 000	

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
V.	Fifth Committee adjustments:		
(a)	Adjustment of the level of the post of the Head of the Strategic Planning Unit	(7 200)	
(b)	Funding of one General Service post in the Secretariat of the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination under the regular budget	20 900	
(c)	Reduction of one General Service post in the Strategic Planning Unit	(20 900)	
(d)	Retention of posts in the information centres	494 700	
(e)	Establishment of the position of a Portuguese radio producer	45 700	
(f)	Retention of 8 posts	246 800	
(g)	Reclassification of a D-1 post to the D-2 level for the Division for the Advancement of Women	7 200	
(h)	Establishment of a D-1 post for the Division for the Advancement of Women	57 200	
(i)	Retention of 3 P-5 posts for the regional centres for peace and disarmament	164 700	
(j)	Level of the Deputy to the Legal Counsel to be at that of Assistant Secretary-General	5 600	
(k)	Establishment of 1 P-5 and 1 P-4 post and deletion of 1 P-3 post and for Decolonization	57 800	
(l)	Establishment of 2 P-4 and 2 P-3 posts in the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	147 600	
(m)	Restoration of net budgeting: staff assessment	(10 972 500)	
(n)	Deputy Secretary-General	109 800	
VI.	Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(11 458 200)	
	Total, section 32		315 436 700

	Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
34. Development account		
I. Secretary-General's proposal, United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303 and Add.1)	12 702 700	
II. Fifth Committee adjustments: Transfer of savings from abolition of the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development	362 300	
Total, section 34		13 065 000
Total, expenditure section		2 532 331 200
Income section		
1. Income from staff assessment		
I. Secretary-General's proposal:		
(a) Proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	324 600 100	
(b) United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303 and Add.1)	1 718 200	
II. Advisory Committee recommendations (A/52/7 and Add.1)	13 797 100	
III. Financial implications:		
(a) The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (A/C.5/52/31, A/C.5/52/SR.43, A/52/736)	32 300	
(b) The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti - International Civilian Mission to Haiti (MICIVIH) (A/C.5/52/30, A/C.5/52/SR.43, A/52/737)	596 100	
(c) The situation in Central America - United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA) (A/C.5/52/21 and Add.1, A/C.5/52/SR.41)	1 752 800	
(d) The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/52/33, A/C.5/52/SR.44)	327 300	

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IV.	Revised estimates: Matters of which the Security Council is seized (A/C.5/52/24, A/52/7/Add.6, A/C.5/52/SR.44)	926 000	
V.	Fifth Committee adjustments:		
(a)	Adjustment of the level of the post of the Head of the Strategic Planning Unit	(7 200)	
(b)	Funding of one General Service post in the Secretariat of the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination under the regular budget	20 900	
(c)	Reduction of one General Service post in the Strategic Planning Unit	(20 900)	
(d)	Retention of posts in the information centres	494 700	
(e)	Establishment of the position of a Portuguese radio producer	45 700	
(f)	Retention of 8 posts	246 800	
(g)	Reclassification of a D-1 post to the D-2 level for the Division for the Advancement of Women	7 200	
(h)	Establishment of a D-1 post for the Division for the Advancement of Women	57 200	
(i)	Retention of 3 P-5 posts for the regional centres for peace and disarmament	164 700	
(j)	Level of the Deputy to the Legal Counsel to be at that of Assistant Secretary-General	5 600	
(k)	Establishment of 1 P-5 and 1 P-4 post and deletion of 1 P-3 post for Decolonization	57 800	
(l)	Establishment of 2 P-4 and 2 P-3 posts in the Office for Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	147 600	
(m)	Restoration of net budgeting: staff assessment	(10 972 500)	
(n)	Deputy Secretary-General	109 800	

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
VI.	Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(8 620 600)	
	Total, income from staff assessment		325 486 700
2.	General income		
I.	Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	35 135 800	
II.	Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(1 392 200)	
	Total, general income		33 743 600
3.	Services to the public		
I.	Secretary-General's proposal, proposed programme budget (A/52/6/Rev.1)	5 217 400	
II.	Recosting (A/C.5/52/34)	(607 400)	
	Total, services to the public		4 610 000
	Total, income sections		363 840 300

17. At the 46th meeting, on 22 December 1997, the representative of Argentina, who had coordinated informal consultations on agenda item 116, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999" (A/C.5/52/L.18). The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 33, draft resolution I).

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolutions II A to C on the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999; III, on special subjects; IV, on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; and V, on the Working Capital Fund (see para. 33).

III. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL SUBJECTS

A. Request for subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute contained in the report of the Board (A/52/272)

19. The Committee considered this subject at its 38th meeting, on 9 December 1997. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/52/14); the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by the Chairman (see A/C.5/52/SR.38).

20. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly approve the recommendation of a subvention of 213,000 United States dollars from the regular budget of the United Nations for 1998, on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 2B, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (see para. 33, draft resolution III, sect. I).

B. Joint Inspection Unit

21. The Committee considered this subject at its 26th, 27th and 46th meetings, on 10 and 11 November and 22 December 1997, in connection with the general debate on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. It had before it the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999,[5] the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/52/7, chap. II, part X) and the relevant section of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.[6]

22. At its 46th meeting, on 22 December 1997, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly approve the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for the biennium 1998-1999 in the amount of 8,174,000 dollars (see para. 33, draft resolution III, sect. II).

C. International Civil Service Commission

23. The Committee considered this subject at its 26th, 27th and 46th meetings, on 10 and 11 November and 22 December 1997, in connection with the general debate on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. It had before it the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999,[5] the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/52/7, chap. II, part X) and the relevant section of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.[6]

24. At its 46th meeting, on 22 December 1997, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly approve the gross budget for the

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[6] See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/52/16), chap. III.A.

International Civil Service Commission for the biennium 1998-1999 in the amount of 11,475,800 dollars (see para. 33, draft resolution III, sect. III).

D. Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its organizational and substantive sessions of 1997

25. The Committee considered this subject at its 38th meeting, on 9 December 1997. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/52/17).

26. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General (see para. 33, draft resolution III, sect. IV).

E. Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

27. The Committee considered this subject at its 23rd, 26th and 46th meetings, on 6 and 10 November and 22 December 1997. It had before it the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/52/278) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/52/519).

28. At its 46th meeting, on 22 December, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly:

(a) Approve expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 50,069,500 dollars net for the biennium 1998-1999 and an increase of 4,031,300 dollars net for the biennium 1996-1997, for the administration of the Fund;

(b) Approve an addition to the regular budget of the United Nations for the biennium 1998-1999 in the amount of 2,224,900 dollars for the United Nations share of mainframe computer services utilized by the Fund and an amount of 108,600 dollars to be added to the United Nations share of the costs of external audit of the Fund;

(c) Authorize the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 1998-1999 by an amount not exceeding 73,000 dollars, so that the resources available to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 1998-1999 would amount to 200,000 dollars after taking into account a voluntary contribution received by the Fund as a bequest from a retired participant (see para. 33, draft resolution III, sect. V).

F. Contingency fund

29. The Committee considered this subject at its 44th meeting, on 18 December 1997. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/52/35).

30. At the same meeting, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly note that a balance of 18,754,800 dollars remained in the contingency fund (see para. 33, draft resolution III, sect. VI).

G. Agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the Peace Palace at The Hague

31. The Fifth Committee considered this subject at its 39th meeting, on 10 December 1997. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the draft supplementary agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the Peace Palace at The Hague (A/C.5/52/16) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/52/7/Add.5).

32. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in its report, and approve the draft supplementary agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the Peace Palace at The Hague (see para. 33, draft resolution III, sect. VII).

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

33. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

I

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and subsequent relevant resolutions,

Recalling its resolution 48/228 A of 23 December 1993,

Recalling also its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which it reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the

General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters,

Recalling further its resolutions 45/253 of 21 December 1990, 47/214 of 23 December 1992 and 51/219 of 18 December 1996,

Recalling its resolution 52/12 A of 12 November 1997 and the related resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997,

Reaffirming the respective mandates of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in the consideration of the proposed programme budget,

Reaffirming also regulation 5.2 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,

Stressing that the normal procedures established for the formulation, implementation and approval of the programme budget must be maintained and strictly followed,

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations reform: measures and proposals[8] and the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination thereon,

1. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the programme narrative of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 contained in the report of the Committee on the work of its thirty-seventh and thirty-seventh resumed sessions,[9] without prejudice to the priorities established by the General Assembly and subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. Commends the efforts and initiatives of the Secretary-General aimed at reforming the United Nations;

3. Reiterates that the activities included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 must be derived from the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001,[10] which is the principal policy directive of the

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[8] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 and addendum (A/52/6/Rev.1 and Add.1).

[9] A/52/303 and Add.1.

[10] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/52/16 and Add.1).

[11] Ibid., Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 and corrigendum (A/51/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1).

Organization, taking into account regulation 4.2 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation;

4. Emphasizes that for the sake of transparency and accountability, it is essential to establish clear relationships between the programmes as approved and the entity responsible for their delivery;

5. Reaffirms its support for maintaining the international character of the Organization and to the principles of efficiency, competence and integrity enshrined in Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations;

6. Stresses that the reform proposals approved in its resolutions 52/12 A and B will be implemented with full respect for the relevant mandates, decisions and resolutions of the General Assembly, in particular the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001;

7. Also stresses the role of the relevant intergovernmental bodies in the consideration of the narrative of the proposed programme budget, as well as the necessity for a timely presentation of their recommendations on the budget;

8. Emphasizes that the budget proposals of the Secretary-General should reflect resource levels commensurate with the mandates for their full implementation;

9. Reiterates the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that resources are utilized strictly for the purposes approved by the General Assembly;

10. Emphasizes the need for Member States to provide adequate resources for full implementation of mandated programmes and activities;

11. Reiterates that, when formulating the proposed programme budget, the Secretary-General must respect fully the priorities established by the General Assembly;

12. Notes with concern the observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[11] that full justification for reductions of posts has not been provided, which should be done as it is in the case of the creation of new posts;

13. Reaffirms that, whenever a post becomes vacant, a proper programmatic/workload justification will be needed for its retention, abolition or redeployment;

14. Also reaffirms that the implementation of the reform measures and the reduction of posts must not entail involuntary separation of staff;

15. Notes that some of the posts proposed for abolition will not be vacant until the end of the first year of the biennium;

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[11] Ibid., Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/52/7), para. 72.

16. Decides that the staffing table for each year of the biennium 1998-1999 shall be as contained in annex I.A to the present resolution;

17. Notes with concern the trend in increases of high-level posts and reductions of lower-level posts, which may affect the potential for rejuvenation of the Organization and the capacity of the Organization for full implementation of approved mandates;

18. Emphasizes that the reduction in posts should not affect full implementation of all mandated programmes and activities;

19. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session, in accordance with the commitments undertaken in his report on renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform,[12] a report on developments in the post structure of the Secretariat over the past ten years, on the forward-looking human resource management policy that he intends to develop, both for the short and medium term, with a view to rejuvenating the Organization, and on the impact that such a policy should have on developments in post structure in the future;

20. Reaffirms that gratis personnel should be expeditiously phased out in accordance with resolution 51/243 of 15 September 1997;

21. Decides to delete the references to type II gratis personnel in budget documents;

22. Requests the Secretary-General, in his proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, to submit estimates of the total amount of resources that he should have at his disposal, from all sources of financing, in order to be able to implement fully the mandated programmes and activities;

23. Regrets that the reports requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 51/243 have not been submitted for consideration;

24. Expresses its concern that a number of sections in the proposed programme budget were not prepared in complete conformity with the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001;[10]

25. Decides to make changes, as contained in annex II to the present resolution, to the programme narrative in the final published version of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999,[7] as reflected in the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-seventh session;[9]

26. Also decides to make changes, as contained in annex III to the present resolution, to the programme narrative in the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations reform: measures and proposals;[8]

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[12] A/51/950 and Add.1-7.

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Emphasizing that programmes and activities mandated by the General Assembly must be respected and implemented fully,

Emphasizing also the need for mandated programmes and activities to be delivered in the most effective and efficient manner,

1. Reiterates that the priorities for the biennium 1998-1999 are the following:

(a) Maintenance of international peace and security;

(b) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions and recent United Nations conferences;

(c) Development of Africa;

(d) Promotion of human rights;

(e) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;

(f) Promotion of justice and international law;

(g) Disarmament;

(h) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

2. Approves the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as expressed in its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999[13] and its second report on the reform proposals of the Secretary-General,[14] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. Reaffirms the budgetary process as approved in its resolution 41/213;

4. Takes note of the observations of the Advisory Committee as reflected in paragraph 38 of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, and concurs with its request for the Secretary-General to ensure complete uniformity in the presentation of the various expenditures in future programme budgets;

5. Notes that the Secretary-General has provided a series of organizational charts for the various departments in the proposed programme

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[13] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/52/7).

[14] A/52/7/Add.1.

budget for the biennium 1998-1999, and requests that this become standard practice for each budget section in future programme budgets and that the organizational charts include posts from all sources of funding;

6. Welcomes the format adopted by the Secretary-General in his report on United Nations reform: measures and proposals[3] concerning the transfer of resources between sections with a view to establishing new departments, and requests the Secretary-General, in the interest of transparency, to ensure that proposed transfers of posts and other resources between budget sections are explained in the same manner in future programme budgets;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the proposals contained in the individual sections of future programme budgets include more precise information on the outputs and activities of the various departments, on the basis of which the General Assembly could later evaluate budget performance;

8. Requests that the individual sections of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 contain a summary of the relevant recommendations of the internal and external oversight bodies and, for each recommendation, information on the follow-up action taken;

9. Reaffirms its resolution 51/221 B of 18 December 1996;

10. Notes with deep concern that some of the proposals related to pilot projects implied changes in the existing budgetary practices and procedures;

11. Decides to consider the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on the budgetary practices and procedures as well as on the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, prior to their implementation, and requests the Secretary-General to present a comprehensive report on this matter through the Advisory Committee to the General Assembly at its first part of its resumed fifty-second session;

12. Also decides that, pending its consideration of the above-mentioned report, no action can be taken in the context of the pilot projects that represents changes in the budgetary practices and procedures as well as in the Financial Regulations and Rules without prior approval of all relevant legislative bodies;

13. Reaffirms that changes in mandated programmes and activities are the prerogative of the General Assembly;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to maintain proper inventory records for all United Nations assets;

15. Also requests the Secretary-General to make careful use of resources for consultants and experts, general temporary assistance, travel, electricity and hospitality during the biennium 1998-1999 and to report on the outcome of those efforts in the context of the second performance report;

16. Further requests the Secretary-General to improve the quality control over food served and equipment used in the United Nations cafeteria and to

ensure, to the extent possible, respect for the dietary habits of users of those facilities;

17. Invites the Secretary-General to propose measures to improve the profitability of the commercial activities of the United Nations, in particular in the sale of publications at Geneva, and, where appropriate, to develop new income-generating measures, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session;

18. Requests the International Civil Service Commission to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the justification for the supplemental subsistence allowance, with a view to its possible phasing out or maintenance;

19. Regrets the tendency towards excessive use of consultants, in particular in areas where in-house expertise is available, and requests the Secretary-General to resort in future to the use of consultants only when in-house expertise is not available and in accordance with the existing rules and regulations and relevant resolutions;

20. Also regrets that the report requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 14 of its resolution 51/221 B on the use of consultants was not provided by 1 March 1997, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the report to the Assembly at the first part of its resumed fifty-second session;

21. Urges all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without imposing conditions, to avoid the financial difficulties being experienced by the Organization;

22. Endorses the observation of the Advisory Committee[15] that a high vacancy rate hampers the delivery of mandated programmes and that deliberate management decisions to keep a certain number of posts vacant makes the budget process less transparent and management of staff resources more difficult;

23. Reaffirms that the vacancy rate is a tool for budgetary calculations and should not be used to achieve budgetary savings;

24. Notes that requirements in respect of the Joint Inspection Unit, the International Civil Service Commission and conference and security services at Vienna are presented for appropriation on a net basis;

25. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all the funds approved in the budgets of the three entities are allotted to allow for full implementation of all of their mandated programmes and activities;

26. Approves the staffing table for the International Civil Service Commission, the Joint Inspection Unit and conference and security services at Vienna as contained in annex I.B to the present resolution;

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[15] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 7 (A/52/7), para. 57.

27. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that funds from the participating organizations are received promptly;

28. Decides to keep all aspects of net budgeting under review, including its impact on the functioning of the entities concerned, and requests the Secretary-General to report on this subject to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session;

29. Notes with concern the ratio between regular budget and extrabudgetary resources, which reflects the trend of financing core functions mainly from extrabudgetary resources;

III

Section 1A. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

1. Decides to establish under the regular budget one P-5, one P-4 and one General Service (Other level) post in the secretariat of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to replace the existing posts financed from extrabudgetary resources;

2. Accepts the proposal to restore the post of the Executive Secretary of the Board of Auditors to the D-1 level, taking into account the increased workload of the Board;

3. Decides to establish the post of Deputy Secretary-General in accordance with its resolution 52/12 B, and also decides, with respect to salary and emoluments, to approve the recommendation contained in paragraph 5 (b) of the report of the Advisory Committee;[14]

4. Approves the staffing proposal for the Office of the Deputy Secretary-General, subject only to provision for just two of the three proposed General Service posts;

5. Also approves the establishment of one D-1, one P-5, one P-4 and one General Service post for the Strategic Planning Unit;

6. Decides to keep under review the level of resources for consultants and experts in the Strategic Planning Unit;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to delete the funds budgeted for joint meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee for Coordination, since those meetings are no longer held;

Section 1B. General Assembly affairs and conference services

8. Notes that the newly created Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services will not, for the present time, undertake the servicing of the Fifth and Sixth Committees of the General Assembly or of the Security Council, even though the rationalization of servicing arrangements should lead

to greater unity of purposes, greater coherence of efforts at all levels and greater cost-effectiveness, which would result in economies of scale;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the above arrangements under review and to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session a report in this regard with a view to considering possible integration of all conference-servicing resources for all Main Committees of the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and their subsidiary and ad hoc bodies and special conferences, into the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services;

10. Accepts the proposed reclassification of the D-2 post redeployed from the former Office of the Director of Conference Services to the Assistant Secretary-General level, the P-4 post of Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary-General to the P-5 level and a P-2 post to the P-3 level for the purpose of enhancing administrative support in the Executive Office;

11. Decides that the resources for the Office of the President of the General Assembly shall be presented on an object-of-expenditure basis starting with the biennium 1998-1999, and approves the proposal of the Secretary-General regarding the level of resources for the biennium 1998-1999;

12. Also decides that the unit proposed for technical aspects of servicing meetings of the Trusteeship Council, the Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) Committee of the General Assembly and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples shall comprise one Political Affairs Officer at the P-5 level, one at the P-3 level and two General Service staff;

13. Notes with concern the abolition of thirty posts of translators and interpreters;

14. Also notes with concern the practices noted with respect to self-revision, which may attain proportions of 80 per cent during periods of peak workload, whereas the specified standard is 45 per cent;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to keep under review the two issues mentioned in the preceding paragraphs in the light of its resolution 50/11 of 2 November 1995 and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session through the Committee on Conferences on their impact on the quality of conference services provided;

Section 2A. Political affairs

16. Decides to retain the P-3 post proposed for abolition under subprogramme 7, Question of Palestine, and requests the Secretary-General to fill the vacant Professional post under this subprogramme, taking into account the developments in the Middle East;

17. Notes that the redeployment of a P-5 post to assist the Department of Political Affairs with its role as convenor of the Executive Committee for Peace and Security has been undertaken since January 1997, and requests that the continuing need of the post for this function be monitored in the light of experience;

18. Also notes the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 23 of its second report,[14] and requests the Secretary-General to continue to review the division of responsibilities between the Department of Political Affairs and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations so as to guarantee the clear delineation of their respective tasks and to avoid duplication and overlap;

19. Requests the Secretary-General to make careful use of the resources for the regional seminars on decolonization;

20. Notes the establishment of a stand-alone Decolonization Unit in the Department of Political Affairs;

21. Also notes the need to ensure that the Decolonization Unit is an effective unit;

22. Decides that the Decolonization Unit in the Department of Political Affairs shall comprise one Principal Officer at the D-1 level, one Senior Political Affairs Officer at the P-5 level, one Political Affairs Officer at the P-4 level and two General Service staff;

23. Also decides that the status of the Liaison Office at Addis Ababa, as proposed in paragraph 2.50 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999,[7] shall be a United Nations office at Addis Ababa, and that it shall be transferred from section 2A to section 1A of the proposed programme budget;

24. Further decides to transfer the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination relating to paragraph 2.50 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 to section 1A in accordance with paragraph 23 of the present resolution;

Section 2B. Disarmament

25. Notes the establishment of the new Department for Disarmament Affairs;

26. Decides to retain the three P-5 posts of the Directors of the three regional centres for peace and disarmament, requests the Secretary-General to fill these posts, in the shortest possible time, and invites Member States to support the centres, and also decides to have in the new Department two P-5 posts, one of which was proposed for abolition and the other is to be established;

27. Encourages the Directors of the centres, to be appointed, to establish contact, starting in the first quarter of 1998, with the United Nations Development Programme and the regional organs, as well as with Member States of

the different regions, with a view to finding resources for the revitalization of the activities of the centres;

28. Decides that the organizational chart of the new Department for Disarmament Affairs should be as contained in the report of the Secretary-General,[8] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

Section 3. Peacekeeping operations and special missions

29. Reiterates its request that gratis personnel be phased out in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 51/243;

30. Notes with concern that the high level of vacancies maintained in the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization have created management difficulties for it;

31. Requests the Secretary-General to fill the vacant posts, taking into account the standardized vacancy rate approved for the biennium 1998-1999;

32. Decides that the Lessons Learned Unit within the Department of Peacekeeping Operations may provide, on request from Member States, advice on lessons learned from the tasks referred to in paragraph 3.19 (b) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999;[7]

33. Also decides to delete the funds requested for a study to draw lessons learned on disarmament and demobilization, and urges the Department of Peacekeeping Operations to make maximum use of related studies already conducted by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research and other organizations;

Section 5. International Court of Justice

34. Notes that the estimates relating to the statutory entitlements of the members of the International Court of Justice are scheduled for a comprehensive review by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session, and, in view of this, decides that any resource change resulting from decisions taken by the Assembly with regard to emoluments and other conditions of service for the members of the Court will be reported in the performance report for the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999;

35. Requests the International Court of Justice to explore vigorously the introduction of modern technology, including methods used by regional and national judicial systems, as well as the experience of the Office of Legal Affairs in reducing the backlog related to the printing of the Court's publications and translation of its documents;

36. Requests the Secretary-General to review the financial arrangements associated with the dining room at the International Court of Justice and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session;

Section 6. Legal affairs

37. Accepts the reclassification of the D-2 post in the Office of the Legal Counsel to the Assistant Secretary-General level;

Section 7A. Economic and social affairs

38. Notes the creation of the new Department of Economic and Social Affairs;

39. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a new narrative of this section in full accordance with the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001,[10] taking into account regulation 4.2 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, to be considered by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-eighth session;

40. Requests the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-eighth session to review the new narrative, and to submit its conclusions and recommendations thereon to the General Assembly for its consideration during the first part of its fifty-third regular session and no later than 1 October 1998;

41. Expresses its concern for the decrease in the level of resources devoted to technical cooperation;

42. Requests the Secretary-General to keep under review the structure and level of resources of the Department, taking into account the need to provide all the resources needed for the full implementation of all mandated programmes and activities previously performed by the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis and the Department for Development Support and Management Services;

43. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all the activities outlined in the ten subprogrammes under sections 7, 9 and 10 of the initial budget proposal are included in section 7A of the final version of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999;

44. Notes the allocation of resources by subprogramme, as contained in annex IV.A and B to the present resolution;

45. Decides to keep under review the level of resources and the number of posts in the Executive Office, taking into account the need to guarantee the capacity of the Organization to implement fully the activities related to technical cooperation;

46. Also decides to reclassify a D-1 post in the Division for the Advancement of Women to the D-2 level;

47. Further decides to establish a D-1 post in the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues, to replace the existing post financed from extrabudgetary resources;

Section 8. Africa: New Agenda for Development

48. Takes note of the budget appropriation in the biennium 1998-1999 for the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa, and calls upon the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize additional resources for the implementation of the programme of action contained in the New Agenda;

Section 11A. Trade and development

49. Decides that the work programme on assistance to the Palestinian people of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will continue to be carried out by a Special Coordinator at the P-5 level and a staff member at the P-4 level;

50. Also decides that the work programme for landlocked and island developing countries will continue to be carried out within the Office of the Special Coordinator under the overall supervision of a staff member at the D-1 level, supported by a P-4 level staff member, while a P-5 staff member in the Division for Services Development and Trade Efficiency will continue to work solely on issues related to landlocked developing countries;

51. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate resources are allocated in the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 for activities specifically relating to the least developed countries in accordance with the priority accorded thereto;

52. Recalls paragraph 33 of its resolution 51/167 of 16 December, in which it requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, through the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to submit a proposal on savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the decisions taken at the ninth session of the Conference, including the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and reform of the Secretariat, and to submit a proposal on how to reallocate a part of the savings in the 1998-1999 budget cycle with a view to strengthening the capabilities of the Conference in priority areas, including, inter alia, in technical cooperation;

53. Regrets that the above-mentioned proposals have not been submitted;

54. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare expeditiously a report in consultation with the Working Party of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the above proposals, exploring ways and means within the existing financial regulations and rules of the United Nations with a view to utilizing these savings during the biennium 1998-1999, and to submit it to the

General Assembly at its first part of its resumed fifty-second session for its consideration;

Section 11B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

55. Notes with concern that the arrangements entered into by the Secretary-General with the Director-General of the World Trade Organization in the exchange of correspondence of September 1995 have not yet been transmitted to the General Assembly, and, in this regard, considers that the agreement between the secretariats of the United Nations and the former General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade is still in force until the Assembly reviews the agreement between the United Nations and the World Trade Organization;

Section 12. Environment

56. Decides to keep the level of resources for the United Nations Environment Programme under review, and requests the Secretary-General to submit proposals in this regard, taking into account General Assembly resolution 51/177 of 16 December 1996 and the decreasing trend in extrabudgetary resources;

57. Takes note of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs IV.47 and IV.48 of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999,[16] and requests the Secretary-General to act accordingly;

Section 13. Human settlements

58. Decides to keep the level of resources for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) under review, and requests the Secretary-General to submit proposals in this regard, taking into account General Assembly resolution 51/177 and the decreasing trend in extrabudgetary resources;

59. Notes the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs IV.54 and IV.55 of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999,[16] and requests the Secretary-General to act accordingly;

Section 14. Crime control

60. Notes the establishment of the Centre for International Crime Prevention, and also notes that the Centre, together with the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, will form the new Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention;

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[16] A/52/7 (chap. II, Part IV).

61. Endorses the proposal of the Secretary-General to strengthen the capacity of the new Centre for International Crime Prevention;

62. Stresses the need to promote the fundamental principles of the rule of law and the need to strengthen further international cooperation between States and between regional organizations, international organizations and agencies and the United Nations in order to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever and by whomsoever committed, as well as its financing;

63. Approves the establishment of two new posts at the P-5 and P-4 levels for the Centre and the redeployment of one D-1 post from the United Nations Office at Vienna to the Centre for International Crime Prevention to strengthen its capacity to address issues related to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

Section 15. International drug control

64. Decides that the consolidation of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division with the United Nations International Drug Control Programme should not undermine the critical importance of the comprehensive programme on drug control, which should be fully implemented in accordance with the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001,[10] and that adequate resources for this purpose should be provided;

65. Emphasizes that the realignment of the Centre for International Crime Prevention with the United Nations International Drug Control Programme should result in a better coordination between these entities and should produce important synergies, while safeguarding the multidisciplinary aspects of drug control policy;

Sections 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20. Regional commissions

66. Concurs with the observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the use of short-term consultants and experts by the Economic Commission for Africa as reflected in paragraph V.19 of its first report,[11] calls upon the Commission to take deliberate management actions to ensure an effective transfer of knowledge and expertise from short-term consultants and experts to Commission staff, and encourages other regional commissions to take similar action;

67. Requests the Secretary-General to review the format of presentation of the programmes of activities of the regional commissions with a view to delineating more clearly substantive activities vis-à-vis programme support and harmonizing the budget presentation, and to present more clearly the description of activities and services provided by the regional commissions in order to permit a quantitative and qualitative monitoring of the progress of programme implementation;

Section 16. Economic and social development in Africa

68. Welcomes the restructuring and reorientation of programmes undertaken by the Economic Commission for Africa and in particular the decentralization of the activities of the Commission to subregional development centres, and, in this regard, stresses the need for additional resources from all sources of funding to strengthen the subregional centres and the capacity of the Commission to give appropriate guidance as a focal institution for these activities;

69. Expresses its concern that the Economic Commission for Africa has in the course of the past few years suffered greatly from a persistently high vacancy rate in critical areas, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all posts budgeted for the biennium 1998-1999 are filled;

70. Requests the Secretary-General to redeploy any savings realized during the biennium as a result of reform measures and efficiency gains from within the Economic Commission for Africa to the subregional centres;

Section 19. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

71. Notes the Secretary-General's initiative to present a new pilot management project aimed at improving the decision-making process of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean through decentralization of authority in certain areas of human resources and budget management;

72. Requests the Secretary-General to submit details of the new pilot management project to the Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at its twenty-seventh session for its final approval, as provided for in paragraph 4 of Commission resolution 563 (PLEN.21) and recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph V.66 of its first report;[18]

73. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all activities included in subprogramme 2 benefit all members of the region;

Section 22. Human rights

74. Notes that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999[7] includes activities that have no specific mandates approved by the General Assembly;

75. Reaffirms the use of the contingency fund as approved in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987;

76. Recalls paragraph 2, section XI, of its resolution 44/201 B of 21 December 1989;

77. Regrets that the report requested in the above-mentioned resolution has not yet been submitted to the General Assembly;

78. Requests the Secretary-General to present the above-mentioned report to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-second session;

79. Decides, pending its consideration of the above-mentioned report, to appropriate the resources requested by the Secretary-General in his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to ensure that no funds directly related to these non-mandated activities are committed for them;

80. Also decides to amend the narrative of section 22, as indicated in annex II to the present resolution;

Section 23. Protection of and assistance to refugees

81. Notes with concern the steady decline of regular budget and extrabudgetary resources available to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

82. Requests the Secretary-General to monitor the flow of extrabudgetary resources to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and, based on his findings, to review the funding of the Office from the regular budget above the current proposed level;

Section 24. Palestine refugees

83. Reaffirms its support for the programme of work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, decides to retain the eight posts proposed for abolition under this section, in the light of the difficulties facing the Agency resulting from the decrease in extrabudgetary resources, and invites the donor countries to fulfil their pledges to the Agency and to increase their contributions to it in order to support the full implementation of its programme of work;

Section 25. Humanitarian assistance

84. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the legislative basis and methodology for charging programme support costs for voluntary contributions, in cash or in kind;

85. Notes that the operational demining activities, as well as the Mine Clearance Unit financed from the Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Clearance, will be transferred to the Department for Peacekeeping Operations, and stresses that humanitarian mine-clearance activities should be conducted under the responsibility of the Emergency Relief Coordinator;

Section 26. Communications and public information

86. Notes the transformation of the Department of Public Information into an Office of Communications and Public Information;

87. Decides that no action shall be taken on the proposal for abolition of the 51 Local level posts in the United Nations information centres and on the question of integration of the information centres with the United Nations Development Programme, including review of earlier such cases, reiterates its request to the Secretary-General in paragraph 11 of its resolution 51/138 B of 13 December 1996 to continue the integration exercise in a cost-effective manner and, whenever feasible, on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the views of the host country and ensuring that the information functions and the autonomy of the information centres are not adversely affected, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session;

88. Also decides to establish a P-4 post in the Media Division for a Portuguese-language radio producer;

89. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-eighth session a new programme narrative for section 26 in the light of the recommendations of the Committee on Information regarding the conclusions and recommendations of the task force on the reorientation of United Nations public information activities;

Section 27A. Administration, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management

90. Decides that the staffing component of the Management Policy Office shall comprise one D-2, one D-1, three P-5 and two General Service posts;

91. Requests the Secretary-General to reflect in the budget performance report those expenditures related to compensations paid to staff as a result of judgements of the Administrative Tribunal;

92. Decides that the General Service post in the secretariat of the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination, currently funded from extrabudgetary resources, shall henceforth be financed through the United Nations regular budget;

93. Also decides to undertake during its resumed fifty-second session a thorough review of the working methods of the Fifth Committee with a view to rationalizing them and initiating efficiency measures that may enable the Committee to accomplish its tasks on time without resorting to extra meetings at night and on weekends;

Section 27B. Administration, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts

94. Decides to establish two P-4 and two P-3 posts in the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts;

95. Requests the Secretary-General to consult with the Member States not acceding to section 18 (b) of the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations on appropriate administrative arrangements for managing the Tax Equalization Fund and to report to the General Assembly on the outcome of such consultations;

Section 27C. Administration, Office of Human Resources Management

96. Endorses the restoration of one P-4 post and one General Service post in the Examinations and Tests Section as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph VIII.34 of its first report on the proposed programme budget;[17]

97. Notes the overall increase in allocations for staff training, and requests the Secretary-General to pursue this policy in future programme budgets, taking into account the growing number of persons to be trained;

98. Requests the Secretary-General to deploy all necessary human and financial resources to maintain the teaching at all levels of the official and working languages of the Secretariat and to maintain the training of the Organization's translators and revisers;

Section 27D. Administration, support services

99. Recognizes the importance of the security system and guards in the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to keep under review the level of resources allocated to this function;

100. Decides that all procurement-related functions should only be performed by United Nations staff, taking into account the provisions of General Assembly resolution 51/243;

Section 27H. Administration, Nairobi

101. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the financial arrangements of the United Nations Office at Nairobi into line with those of similar United Nations administrative offices and to provide the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) with the capacity to improve its financial and administrative management;

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[17] A/52/7 (chap. II, Part VIII).

Section 30. Special expenses

102. Requests the Secretary-General to apportion general operating expenses relating the bank charges among the various sources of funds to which financial interests are credited, on a pro rata basis;

Section 31. Capital expenditures

103. Notes with concern the high proportion of projects deferred from the previous biennium in the total proposed requirements for alteration, improvement and major maintenance, and emphasizes that such deferral eventually proves expensive for the Organization because of the negative effect it has on fixed assets;

104. Endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph XI.4 of its first report[18] to the effect that the Secretary-General should indicate in the next programme budget the value of United Nations-owned buildings and submit a comparison between United Nations and normal standards for the cost of maintenance vis-à-vis the value of buildings;

Section 34. Development account

105. Notes that arrangements and procedures for utilization of the development account are to be formulated, and calls upon the Secretary-General to report on the issue before the end of March 1998;

106. Decides that the amount of 362,000 United States dollars saved as a result of the abolition of the High-level Board on Sustainable Development shall be transferred to the development account.

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[18] A/52/7 (chap. II, Part XI).

Annex I

A. Staffing table for 1998 and 1999

	1998	1999
Professional category and above		
Deputy Secretary-General	1	1
Under-Secretary-General	25	25
Assistant Secretary-General	18	18
D-2	76	75
D-1	257	253
P-5	672	671
P-4/3	2 154	2 142
P-2/1	439	436
Total	3 642	3 621
General Service category		
Principal level	269	269
Other levels	2 746	2 732
Total	3 015	3 001
Other categories		
Security Services	171	171
Local level	1 590	1 576
Field Service	187	187
Trades and Crafts	187	185
Total	2 135	2 119
Grand total	8 792	8 741

B. Staffing table for the International Civil Service Commission, the Joint Inspection Unit and conference and security services at Vienna, 1998-1999

	International Civil Service Commission	Joint Inspection Unit	Conference Services, Vienna	Security Services, Vienna
Professional category and above				
D-2	1	1	-	-
D-1	3	-	1	-
P-5	3	2	9	1
P-4/3	10	5	66	1
P-2/1	3	2	1	-
Total	20	10	77	2
General Service category				
Principal level	2	1	6	1
Other levels	22	8	86	82
Total	24	9	92	83
Grand total	44	19	169	85

Annex II

Changes to the programme narratives of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999,[7] as reflected in the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-seventh session,[8] and additional modifications

1. At the end of paragraph 1.41, add:

"The primary function of the Office of External Relations is outreach, promotion and maintenance of the relations of the United Nations in civil society, including non-governmental organizations, the business world, academic institutions, foundations, professional associations, parliamentarians, trade unions and the religious community. Its work is complementary to that of the Office of Communications and Public Information. While the letter disseminates information to the press and other media and the general public, as well as providing services to non-governmental organizations associated with it, the Office of External Relations focuses on an in-depth relationship between key institutions of civil society and the Secretary-General. It chairs an interdepartmental working group that provides advice to the Secretary-General on his relationship with non-governmental organizations. It works closely with the speech writers and the Spokesmen for the Secretary-General and confers with the Protocol and Liaison Service in connection with requests and visits by leaders of civil society, but does not undertake protocol functions. In close cooperation and coordination with the Office of Communications and Public Information, the Office develops a communication strategy and core message that is consistent, compelling and well coordinated."

2. In paragraph 2.50, after the second sentence, add:

"The functions of the proposed liaison office at Addis Ababa would be:

"(a) To facilitate the exchange of information and the coordination of initiatives and efforts in the areas of preventive diplomacy and peacemaking as well as in the democratization process in Africa:

"(i) To follow closely the deliberations of the OAU Mechanism for the Prevention, Management and Resolution of Conflicts and to advise Headquarters of political initiatives of concern to the United Nations discussed by the Mechanism;

"(ii) To carry out liaison with the OAU Division for Conflict Resolution and the Department of Political Affairs at large with a view to enhancing cooperation on specific political issues of priority concern to the United Nations and OAU;

"(iii) To support the activities of joint United Nations/OAU special representatives;

"(b) To coordinate the implementation of the programmes of cooperation between the United Nations system and OAU agreed to at the annual meetings between their secretariats;

"(c) To perform such representational functions as may be required and necessary at relevant OAU meetings at Addis Ababa."

3. In paragraph 2.120:

(a) The second sentence should read: "Since the end of the cold war, developments have taken place in a number of important areas in the field of arms control and disarmament".

(b) In the last sentence, delete "and the need for their further integration into the broader international efforts to enhance peace and security".

4. In paragraph 2.124, sixth sentence, after "issues" add "in the field of arms control and disarmament".

5. Paragraph 3.10 should read:

"The Department must maintain a capacity to discharge effectively those tasks assigned to it, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and taking into account the important contribution that regional arrangements and agencies, within their respective mandates, scope and composition, can make to peacekeeping, in accordance with Chapter VIII of the Charter."

6. In paragraph 3.19 (b), replace "disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of armed forces" with "disarmament and demobilization".

7. In paragraph 6.58, after "Awards", add ", the update of summaries of judgments, advisory opinions and orders of the International Court of Justice".

8. In paragraph 11A.46, second sentence, after "certain developing countries", add "such as landlocked and small island developing countries".

9. In paragraph 11A.60, add an additional subparagraph reading:

"(d) The capacity of island developing countries to alleviate special development constraints relating to the high transport costs will have been improved."

10. In paragraph 13.22, fourth sentence, replace "partners" with "local authorities, non-governmental organizations, the private sector".

11. Paragraph 14.2 (b) (ii) should read:

"Supporting the strengthening of the capacity of Governments, at their request, to improve their legislation and criminal justice system".

12. Paragraph 14.2 (c) (iii) should read:

"Elaborating and assisting Member States in the implementation of effective strategies and practical arrangements for consistent and efficient cooperation against major forms of criminality, such as organized transnational crime, including drug trafficking, corruption, terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, smuggling of illegal migrants, trafficking in women and children, environmental offences, the laundering of the proceeds of crime, fraudulent operations and other forms of economic crime".

13. In paragraph 15.8, delete "and help to set the agenda for international drug control for the following decade".

14. After paragraph 15.8, add a new paragraph reading:

"The Programme will provide services to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the preparatory body of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to the combat against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities, to be held in June 1998",

and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

15. After former paragraph 15.12, add a new paragraph reading:

"At the 1998 session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, at least five days will be devoted to the preparation of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to the combat against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities",

and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

16. In former paragraph 15.18 (a) (i), delete "Prepare for and participate in the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council" and replace "on drug control" by "devoted to the combat against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities".

17. In former paragraph 15.18 (a) (ii), add a new subparagraph reading:

"c. Documents for the preparatory process of the special session of the General Assembly".

18. After former paragraph 15.18 (c), add a new subparagraph reading:

"(d) The Programme will compile the recommendations presented to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs by the organs, organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, as well as by multilateral development banks, as the preparatory body of the special session on the issues to be addressed by the special session."

19. At the end of former paragraph 15.28 (a) (ii) a., add "and documentation for the preparatory process of the special session".

20. At the end of former paragraph 15.28 (b) (iii), add "and public relations material to promote the special session of the General Assembly devoted to the combat against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities".

21. In former paragraph 15.36, second sentence, item (c), replace "special session of the General Assembly on international drug control" with "special session of the General Assembly devoted to the combat against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities".

22. At the end of former paragraph 15.37 (a) (ii) a., insert "and report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the preparatory body of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to the combat against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities, containing the recommendations for the special session".

23. At the end of former paragraph 15.37 (a) (ii) c., add "and documents on possible results of the special session of the General Assembly, in particular with possible measures to strengthen the implementation of the international drug conventions".

24. In former paragraph 15.42, first sentence, after "will focus" add "in 1998 on the preparation of a draft of a declaration of the United Nations on the principles for the reduction of the demand, which could be approved at the special session of the General Assembly in June 1998. Furthermore, activities will focus".

25. In paragraph 19.58 (c), after "SIECA" add ", CARICOM".

26. In paragraph 22.1:

(a) After the first sentence, add a new sentence reading: "It is based on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action";

(b) In the second sentence, delete "at the national level", after "protection of" add "all" and after "realization of" add "all".

27. In paragraph 22.3:

(a) In the first sentence, replace "new global and integrated approach" with "global, integrated and balanced approach" and delete "and the Centre for Human Rights has been reorganized";

(b) In the third sentence, replace "It will be implemented through a new management structure" with "It will be implemented in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/121 of 12 December 1997 through a new management structure";

(c) Delete the last sentence.

28. In paragraph 22.4, first sentence, replace "By providing high-quality research and analysis, the programme of work will aim" with "The programme will provide high-quality research and analysis. The programme of work will also aim".

29. After paragraph 22.4, add a new paragraph reading:

"The programme will support the United Nations human rights bodies and organs and facilitate their deliberations by ensuring and enhancing their effective functioning and the analytical capacity of the treaty bodies",

and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

30. In former paragraph 22.5, second sentence, delete "effective" before "human rights field activities".

31. Former paragraph 22.24 should read:

"Resource requirements for the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families in 1998-1999 will be submitted when the Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families enters into force."

32. In former paragraph 22.29, after "coordination of", add "human rights" and after "New York-based organizations and departments" add "in accordance with relevant mandates".

33. In former paragraph 22.33, delete "monitoring".

34. Replace former paragraph 22.37 with two new paragraphs reading:

"The primary objectives of this subprogramme will include promotion and protection of the right to development. In this regard, the objectives will be to develop an integrated and multidimensional strategy for the implementation, coordination and promotion of the right to development in accordance with the Declaration on the Right to Development and subsequent mandates and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action aimed at facilitating action to be taken by relevant bodies of the United Nations system, including treaty bodies, international development and financial institutions and non-governmental organizations, for the implementation of the right to development as an integral part of fundamental human rights, ensuring the realization of the right to development across the human rights programme and by specialized agencies and United Nations treaty bodies; to promote national implementation of the right to development through coordination with state-appointed officials; to identify obstacles at the national and international levels; and to promote awareness about the content and importance of the right to development, including through information and educational activities.

"With regard to research and analysis, the objectives will be to strengthen respect for human rights by increasing knowledge, awareness and understanding of human rights issues through data collection, research and analysis. These objectives will be pursued within the framework of the indivisibility, interdependence and interrelatedness of all human rights and will be aimed at facilitating the implementation of standards, the work of treaty bodies, special rapporteurs and other bodies, the preparation of new standards, ensuring the recognition at the national and international levels of economic, social and cultural rights, promoting democracy and strengthening national human rights institutions and procedures for the rule of law, contributing to the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and new forms of discrimination, strengthening the recognition of the human rights of women and children and the protection of vulnerable groups such as minorities, migrant workers and indigenous people",

and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

35. Former paragraph 22.40 (c) (i) should read:

"Participation in the work of the Administrative Committee on Coordination in accordance with relevant mandates".

36. Former paragraph 22.53 should read:

"The focus of activities is to assist countries, at the request of the Governments concerned, in promoting and protecting the enjoyment of human rights through advisory services and technical cooperation projects and to provide support to human rights fact-finding procedures and field activities."

37. In former paragraph 22.55:

(a) At the end of the first sentence, add ", taking duly into account the principles of objectivity, impartiality and non-selectivity in the use of information";

(b) The fourth sentence should read: "Currently there are 42 mandates: 16 are country- or territory-oriented, 12 thematic and 14 are entrusted to the Secretary-General".

38. Former paragraph 22.57 (a) (ii) should read:

"Parliamentary documentation

"Fourteen reports to the General Assembly

"Forty-six reports to the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights

"Forty-nine reports to the Commission on Human Rights"

39. In former paragraph 22.57 (c) (i), after "coordination" add "in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/141,".

40. At the end of former paragraph 22.57 (c) (ii), add "taking duly into account the principles of impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity".

41. In paragraph 23.3, first sentence:

(a) Under item (a), replace "forced population movements as well as finding solutions" with "forced population displacement as well as finding comprehensive solutions";

(b) Add a new item (d) reading: "the provision of humanitarian assistance for the care and maintenance of refugees in an appropriate manner, on the basis of the principle of international burden sharing and solidarity, with due attention being given to the prolonged presence of refugees, in particular in the developing countries" and renumber the subsequent items accordingly.

42. At the end of former paragraph 23.7, add a new sentence reading: "Decentralization as well as delegation of authority and distribution of resources, where applicable, to regional offices would lead to better performance and provide the flexibility needed".

43. In former paragraph 23.10 (c) (vi), after the second sentence, add a new sentence reading: "These solutions should be realistic and based on specific situations".

44. In former paragraph 23.11, first sentence, after "local settlement" add ", resettlement".

45. In paragraph 26.39 (a) (i) a., replace "UN Chronicle (six issues annually, in English and French)" with "UN Chronicle (four issues annually, in all languages)".

Annex III

Changes to be made in the programme narratives contained in the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations reform: measures and proposals

1. Replace paragraphs 2B.1 and 2B.2 of the report of the Secretary-General of 11 September 1997 on United Nations reform: measures and proposals[19] with the following new paragraphs based on programme 26 of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly:

"2B.1 The mandate for the programme on disarmament stems from the Charter of the United Nations and from the aims and purposes proclaimed by the General Assembly. The implementation of the programme should be guided by the priorities established in the relevant General Assembly resolutions and decisions. The new Department for Disarmament Affairs will be responsible for implementing the programme.

"2B.2 The first objective of the programme is to provide organizational and substantive secretariat support to multilateral bodies entrusted with deliberation and/or negotiations on disarmament issues, including the meeting of States parties and other international meetings related to multilateral disarmament agreements.

"2B.3 The second objective is to follow and assess current and future trends in the field of disarmament and international security in order to assist Member States, and to enable the Secretary-General also to assist them, in their search for agreement. Apart from substantive issues involved in the deliberative and/or negotiating process, this activity should address the challenges arising from the implementation of the relevant General Assembly resolutions as well as relevant treaties.

"2B.4 The third objective will be to support and promote regional disarmament efforts and initiatives using approaches freely among the States of the region and taking into account the legitimate requirements of States for self-defence and specific characteristics of each region. Regional solutions will be more vigorously pursued as regional conflicts increasingly pose a threat to peace and security. Regional dialogue on crucial disarmament and security issues will be advanced through, inter alia, the organization of conferences.

"2B.5 The fourth objective consists of providing impartial, factual information on the disarmament efforts of the United Nations to Member States, parliamentarians, research and academic institutions, and specialized non-governmental organizations through the

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disarmament information programme and by providing Member States with full access to all relevant databases, including those on disarmament. This would include, as appropriate, organizing open-ended conferences, seminars and workshops for informal exchanges of views on arms control, disarmament and international security issues. The disarmament fellowship programme will continue to be pursued with the primary objective of promoting further the disarmament expertise of Member States, in particular in the developing countries. Member States will be assisted in addressing specific disarmament concerns through the provision of training and advisory services.

"2B.6 The fifth objective would be to continue to inform the public on an objective and updated basis of the United Nations disarmament activities. In that context, the three regional centres for peace and disarmament established in Nepal, Peru and Togo should be utilized. Those centres should address the important security problems in their respective regions and subregions in a balanced manner.

"2B.7 This programme is expected to enable Member States to conduct deliberations and negotiations on disarmament issues in a smooth and efficient manner; to facilitate the task of the Secretary-General in the conduct of his relations with Member States on disarmament matters; to contribute to an integrated approach to issues relating to the maintenance of peace and security; and to facilitate the exchange of ideas between governmental and non-governmental sectors with a view to promoting a better understanding of United Nations endeavours in the field of disarmament."

2. In paragraph 14.1, last sentence, after "terrorism" add "in all its forms and manifestations".

3. In paragraph 14.2, first sentence, replace "especially organized crime ... and violence" by "in particular, organized transnational crime, economic crime, corruption, terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, environmental offences and illicit traffic in children and women".

4. In paragraph 14.3, first sentence, delete "national" and "the transition to".

5. In paragraph 14.4, after "terrorism" add "in all its forms and manifestations".

6. Paragraph 22.2 should read:

"The programme aims at a major strengthening of coordination for human rights throughout the United Nations system leading to a comprehensive and integrated approach to the promotion and protection of human rights based on the contributions of each of the United Nations organs, bodies and specialized agencies whose activities deal with human rights and on improved inter-agency cooperation and coordination. The coordinating role

of the Office for the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights also implies that the New York Office is strengthened."

7. Delete paragraphs 22.3 and 22.4 and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

8. In paragraph 25.2 (b), delete ", notably the Security Council".

9. In subprogramme 2, Complex emergencies, second sentence, replace "to include ... operations" with "in accordance with the medium-term plan for 1998-2001 and subsequent legislative mandates".

10. In paragraph 25.7, at the end of the fourth sentence, add "in accordance with resolution 51/243 on gratis personnel".

11. In paragraph 26.3, at the end of the second sentence, add ", taking into account the views of the host Government".

12. In paragraph 27A.9, first sentence, replace "The Unit ... public sector" with "The Unit will also be responsible for ensuring that the Organization has the best possible managerial policies in place".

13. In paragraph 27A.10, second sentence, delete "national".

Annex IV

Section 7A. Economic and social affairs

A. Breakdown of resources by subprogramme

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	1998-1999 revised estimates
A. Policy-making organs	3 607.4
B. Executive direction and management	3 223.4
C. Programme of work	
Policy coordination and inter-agency support	9 746.4
Gender issues and advancement of women	7 350.2
Social policy and development	12 [illegible].3
Sustainable development	11 716.0
Statistics	23 683.8
Population	8 322.2
Global development trends, issues and policies	10 139.3
Public economics and public administration	10 191.9
Desertification (1998 only)	1 580.8
D. Programme support	8 108.0
Subtotal	110 427.7
Financial implications	(362.3)
Fifth Committee adjustments	312.5
Recosting	(1 115.6)
1998-1999 initial appropriation	109 262.3

B. Breakdown of resources by subprogramme and object of expenditure

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Posts	Other staff costs	Non-staff compensation	Consultants and experts	Travel	Contractual services	General operating expenses	Hospitality	Supplies and materials	Furniture and equipment	Grants and contribution	Total
A. Policy-making organs	-	-	142.0	-	3 076.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 218.9
B. Executive direction and management	2 582.9	-	-	-	221.6	-	-	-	-	-	399.0	3 203.5
C. Programme of work												
Policy coordination and inter-agency support	9 065.8	194.7	-	117.8	179.4	21.2	-	-	-	-	80.9	9 659.8
Gender issues and advancement of women	7 133.2	-	-	255.8	163.0	40.1	-	3.2	-	-	-	7 595.3
Social policy and development	11 755.3	118.1	-	468.7	192.0	59.2	-	-	-	-	55.4	12 648.7
Sustainable development	10 915.1	-	-	469.5	191.8	42.1	-	-	-	-	-	11 618.5
Statistics	21 621.6	284.0	-	385.7	153.3	385.1	-	-	-	-	619.9	23 449.6
Population	7 980.2	-	-	81.6	101.3	94.1	-	-	-	-	-	8 257.2
Global development trends, issues and policies	9 617.7	33.2	-	223.3	78.3	107.6	-	-	-	-	-	10 060.1
Public economics and public administration	9 492.8	-	-	335.9	200.7	45.2	-	-	-	-	-	10 074.6
Desertification (1998 only)	1 206.1	4.8	-	227.2	126.7	-	56.1	3.1	7.8	4.3	-	1 636.1
D. Programme support	4 227.0	557.1	-	-	-	89.4	1 810.9	16.8	237.8	901.0	-	7 840.0
Total	95 597.7	1 191.9	142.0	2 565.5	4 685.0	884.0	1 867.0	23.1	245.6	905.3	1 155.2	109 262.3

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

A

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1998-1999:

(a) Appropriations totalling 2,532,331,200 United States dollars are hereby approved for the following purposes:

Section		United States dollars
	PART I. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	
1A.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	41 454 500
1B.	General Assembly affairs and conference services	436 829 200
	TOTAL, PART I	478 283 700
	PART II. Political affairs	
2A.	Political affairs	42 061 500
2B.	Disarmament	13 310 600
3.	Peacekeeping operations and special missions	146 760 600
4.	Peaceful uses of outer space	3 967 300
	TOTAL, PART II	206 100 000
	PART III. International justice and law	
5.	International Court of Justice	20 479 300
6.	Legal affairs	33 035 400
	TOTAL, PART III	53 514 700
	PART IV. International cooperation for development	
7A.	Economic and social affairs	109 262 300
8.	Africa: New Agenda for Development	5 385 200
11A.	Trade and development	96 296 900
11B.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	19 812 700
12.	Environment	8 807 400
13.	Human settlements	12 790 300
14.	Crime control	5 413 600
15.	International drug control	14 825 500
	TOTAL, PART IV	272 593 900
	PART V. Regional cooperation for development	
16.	Economic and social development in Africa	87 926 400
17.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	56 167 500
18.	Economic development in Europe	44 875 400
19.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	87 906 900

Section		United States dollars
20.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	49 925 000
21.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	43 567 700
	TOTAL, PART V	370 368 900
	PART VI. Human rights and affairs	
22.	Human rights	42 201 500
23.	Protection of and assistance to refugees	46 005 900
24.	Palestine refugees	21 221 800
25.	Humanitarian assistance	17 933 700
	TOTAL, PART VI	127 362 900
	PART VII. Public information	
26.	Communications and public information	138 040 400
	TOTAL, PART VII	138 040 400
	PART VIII. Common support services	
27.	Administrative services	446 190 700
	TOTAL, PART VIII	446 190 700
	PART IX. Internal oversight	
28.	Internal oversight	18 359 600
	TOTAL, PART IX	18 359 600
	PART X. Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses	
29.	Jointly financed administrative activities	5 627 400
30.	Special expenses	52 837 000
	TOTAL, PART X	58 464 400
	PART XI. Capital expenditures	
31.	Capital expenditures	34 550 300
	TOTAL, PART XI	34 550 300
	PART XII. Staff assessment	
32.	Staff assessment	315 436 700
	TOTAL, PART XII	315 436 700
	PART XIII. Development account	
34.	Development account	13 065 000
	TOTAL, PART XIII	13 065 000
	TOTAL, EXPENDITURE SECTIONS	2 532 331 200

(b) The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(c) The total net provision made under the various sections of the budget for contractual printing shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board;

(d) In addition to the appropriations approved under subparagraph (a) above, an amount of 250,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1998-1999 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for

the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

B

INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1998-1999:

(a) Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling 363,840,300 United States dollars are approved as follows:

Income section	United States dollars
1. Income from staff assessment	325 486 700
2. General income	33 743 600
3. Services to the public	4 610 000
TOTAL, INCOME SECTIONS	363 840 300

(b) The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

(c) Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

C

FINANCING OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1998

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the year 1998:

(a) Budget appropriations consisting of 1,266,165,600 United States dollars, being half of the appropriations of 2,532,331,200 dollars approved for the biennium 1998-1999 by the General Assembly under subparagraph (a) of resolution A above, and 61,209,000 dollars, being the decrease in revised appropriations for 1996-1997 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 52/213 A of 22 December 1997, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows:

(i) 13,938,300 dollars, consisting of 19,176,800 dollars, being the net of half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 1998-1999 under resolution B above, less 5,238,500 dollars, being the decrease in income other than staff assessment for 1996-1997;

(ii) 109,278 dollars, being the contributions of new Member States for 1995;

(iii) 1,190,909,022 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/215 B of 22 December 1997 on the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999;

(b) There shall be set off against the assessments on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 139,281,750 dollars, consisting of:

(i) 162,743,350 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 1998-1999 under resolution B above;

(ii) Less 23,461,600 dollars, being the decrease in the income from staff assessment for the biennium 1996-1997 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 52/215 B.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

The General Assembly

I

Request for subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute contained in the report of the Board[20]

Approves the recommendation of a subvention of 213,000 United States dollars from the regular budget of the United Nations for 1998, on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 2B, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999;[21]

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[20] A/52/272, annex II, para. 58.

[21] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/52/6/Rev.1), and A/52/303 and Add.1.

II

Joint Inspection Unit

Approves the gross budget for the Joint Inspection Unit for the biennium 1998-1999 in the amount of 8,174,000 dollars;[22]

III

International Civil Service Commission

Approves a gross budget for the International Civil Service Commission for the biennium 1998-1999 in the amount of 11,475,800 dollars;[22]

IV

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its organizational and substantive sessions of 1997

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General[23] on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its organizational and substantive sessions of 1997;

V

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Having considered the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund,[24] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[25]

1. Concurs with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;[26]

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[22] See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/52/6/Rev.1), vol. II, sect. 29, and A/52/303 and Add.1.

[23] A/C.5/52/17.

[24] A/52/278.

[25] A/52/519.

[26] Ibid., paras. 26 and 27.

2. Approves expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 50,069,500 dollars net for the biennium 1998-1999 and an increase of 4,031,300 dollars net for the biennium 1996-1997, for the administration of the Fund;

3. Also approves an addition to the regular budget of the United Nations for the biennium 1998-1999 in the amount of 2,224,900 dollars for the United Nations share of mainframe computer services utilized by the Fund and an amount of 108,600 dollars to be added to the United Nations share of the costs of external audit of the Fund;

4. Authorizes the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 1998-1999 by an amount not exceeding 73,000 dollars, so that the resources available to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 1998-1999, would amount to 200,000 dollars after taking into account a voluntary contribution received by the Fund as a bequest from a retired participant;

VI

Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 18,754,800 dollars remains in the contingency fund;[27]

VII

Agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the Peace Palace at The Hague

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the draft supplementary agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the Peace Palace at The Hague[28] and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[29]

2. Approves the draft supplementary agreement between the United Nations and the Carnegie Foundation concerning the use of the Peace Palace at The Hague.

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[27] See A/C.5/52/35.

[28] A/C.5/52/16.

[29] A/52/7/Add.5.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1998-1999

The General Assembly

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 1998-1999 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of 5 million United States dollars in any one year of the biennium 1998-1999, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the International Court of Justice, Article 31), not exceeding a total of 300,000 dollars;

(ii) The calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50) and the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(iii) The maintenance in office for the completion of cases of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of 40,000 dollars;

(iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges and travel and removal expenses and installation grant of members of the Court (Statute, Article 32, paragraph 7), not exceeding a total of 180,000 dollars;

(v) The work of the Court or its Chambers away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(c) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of 500,000 dollars, in the biennium 1998-1999, as the Secretary-General certifies are required for interorganizational security measures pursuant to section IV of General Assembly resolution 36/235 of 18 December 1981;

2. Resolves that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee and to the General Assembly at its fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. Decides that, for the biennium 1998-1999, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of the decision, that matter shall be brought to the General Assembly, or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1998-1999

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

(a) The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 1998-1999 in the amount of 100 million United States dollars;

(b) Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for the year 1998;

(c) There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(i) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from the surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in an adjusted amount of 1,025,092 dollars;

(ii) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1996-1997 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/218 of 23 December 1995;

(d) Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1996-1997 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of subparagraph (b) above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 1998-1999;

(e) The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(i) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(ii) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments that may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-

General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(iii) Such sums as may be necessary to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities that, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed 200,000 dollars; advances in excess of the total of 200,000 dollars may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(iv) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;

(v) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

(f) Should the provision in subparagraph (a) above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 1998-1999, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.